

HOUSE BILL 403

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24,  
Chapter 9, Part 1, relative to court reporters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-9-136(a), is amended by adding a new subdivision (3) as follows and by renumbering subsequent subdivisions accordingly:

( ) A person who has, or has had in the past two (2) years, a sexual relationship with a party or a party's attorney.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-9-136(c), is amended by deleting the language "void" from the subsection and by substituting instead the following:

voidable at the election of either party. Such election shall be made within thirty (30) days of the discovery of a violation of this section and a party may not elect to void a deposition if the party was aware of the violation at or prior to the deposition

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 9, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

§ 24-9-137.

Any person forbidden to take a deposition in an action pursuant to § 24-9-136 shall not record or transcribe for submission to any court or administrative tribunal any hearing before any court or administrative agency concerning such action.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.